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From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: MISSION, FUNCTIONS AND TASKS OF NAVAL LEGAL SERVICE
COMMAND

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Encl: (1) Functions and Tasks of Naval Legal Service Command

1. Purpose. To publish the missions, functions and tasks of Naval Legal Service Command (NAVLEGSVCOM), per reference (a).
2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 5450.189B.
3. Mission. NAVLEGSVCOM was established to provide legal services world-wide to support fleet and shore command readiness and the effective operation of the military justice system, and to perform such other functions or tasks as may be directed by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO).
4. Status and Command Relationships. NAVLEGSVCOM is a shore activity in an active status. The commander serves in a statutory position as the Deputy Judge Advocate General. NAVLEGSVCOM has the following command relationships:
 - a. Echelon
 - 1 CNO
 - 2 Commander, Naval Legal Service Command (COMNAVLEGSVCOM)
 - b. Regional Coordination. Commandant, Naval District Washington.

5. Command, Tenant, Supported and Supporting Activities and Detachments

- a. Echelon Chain of Command
- 1 Chief of Naval Operations
 - 2 COMNAVLEGSVCOM (68323)
 - 3 Commanding Officer, Naval Legal Service
Office Southeast, Mayport, FL (39292)
(DSO SE Detachment Mayport 1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, Naval Legal Service
Office Southeast Detachment, Jacksonville,
FL) (68365) (DSO SE BrOff effective (eff)
1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, U.S. Naval Legal
Service Office Southeast Branch Office,
Guantanamo Bay, CU) (35495)(Disestablished
(Disest) 1 Oct 2012)
 - 3 Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service
Office Southeast, Jacksonville, FL (39706)
(Officer in Charge, Region Legal Service
Office Southeast Detachment Mayport, FL)
(39703)
(Officer in Charge, Region Legal Service
Office Southeast Detachment Pensacola, FL)
(39709)
 - 3 Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service
Office Mid-Atlantic, Norfolk, VA (31528)
(Officer in Charge, Region Legal Service
Office Mid- Atlantic Detachment, Groton,
CT) (31855)
 - 3 Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service
Office Naval District Washington,
Washington Navy Yard, DC (31851)
 - 3 Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service
Office Midwest, Great Lakes, IL (31852)
 - 3 Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service
Office Southwest, San Diego, CA (31530)
(Officer in Charge, Region Legal Service
Office Southwest Branch Office Lemoore,
Lemoore, CA) (31543)
(Officer in Charge, Region Legal Service
Office Southwest Branch Office Ventura
County, Port Hueneme, CA (31536)

- 3 Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service
Office Northwest, Bremerton, WA (31537)
(Officer in Charge, Region Legal Service
Office Northwest Branch Office Whidbey
Island, Oak Harbor, WA) (31538)
(Officer in Charge, Region Legal Service
Office Northwest Detachment Everett,
Everett, WA) (31539)
- 3 Commanding Officer, Naval Legal Service
Office Central, Pensacola, FL (68366) (DSO
SE Detachment Pensacola eff 1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, Naval Legal Service
Office Central Branch Office, Gulfport,
MS) (45710) (DSO SE BrOff 1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, Naval Legal Service
Office Central Branch Office, New Orleans,
LA)(43493) (Disest 1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, Naval Legal Service
Office Central Branch Office, Corpus
Christi, TX) (68368) (Disest 1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, Naval Legal Service
Office Central Branch Office, Fort Worth,
TX) (32895) (DSO West BrOff Ft Worth eff 1
Oct 2012)
- 3 Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Legal Service
Office Europe Africa Southwest Asia,
Naples, Italy (68374) (DSO NORTH Det eff 1
Oct 2012)
Officer in Charge, U.S. Naval Legal
Service Office Europe Africa Southwest
Asia Detachment, Sigonella, Sicily, IT)
(41865) (Disest 1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, U.S. Naval Legal
Service Office Europe Africa Southwest
Asia Detachment, Rota, Spain) (35504)(DSO
North BrOff eff 1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, U.S. Naval Legal
Service Office Europe Africa Southwest
Asia Branch Office Bahrain) (49424) (DSO
North BrOff Bahrain eff 1 Oct 2012)
- 3 Commanding Officer, U.S. Region Legal
Service Office Europe Africa Southwest
Asia, Naples, IT (31940)

- (Officer in Charge, U.S. Region Legal Service Office Europe Africa Southwest Asia Detachment, Rota, SP) (31941)
(Officer in Charge, U.S. Region Legal Service Office Europe Africa Southwest Asia Detachment, Sigonella, IT) (31943)
(Officer in Charge, U.S. Region Legal Service Office Europe Africa Southwest Asia Detachment, Bahrain) (31944)
- 3 Commanding Officer, Naval Legal Service Office Mid Atlantic, Norfolk, VA (68363) (DSO SE eff 1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, Naval Legal Service Office Mid Atlantic Branch Office, NAS, Oceana, Virginia Beach, VA (35494) (RLSO ML BrOff Oceana eff 1 Oct 2012)
- 3 Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service Office Hawaii, Pearl Harbor, HI (31846)
- 3 Commanding Officer, U.S. Region Legal Service Office Japan, Yokosuka, JA) (31848)
- 3 Commanding Officer, Naval Legal Service Office Southwest, San Diego, CA (68370) (DSO West eff 1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, Naval Legal Service Office Southwest Branch Office, Port Hueneme, CA) (35500)(RLSO SW BrOff Pt Hueneme eff 1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, Naval Legal Service Office Southwest Branch Office, NAS, North Island, San Diego, CA) (35499) (RLSO SW BrOff North Island eff 1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, Naval Legal Service Office Southwest Branch Office, NAS, Lemoore, CA) (35501) (Disest 1 Oct 2012)
- 3 Commanding Officer, Naval Legal Service Office Northwest, Bremerton, WA (35969) (DSO WEST Det Bremerton eff 1 Oct 2012) (Officer in Charge, Naval Legal Service Office Northwest Branch Office, Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, Silverdale, WA) (46796) (RLSO NW BrOff Bangor 1 Oct 2012)

- 3 Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Legal Service
Office Pacific, Yokosuka, Japan
(68376) (DSO PAC eff 1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, U.S. Naval Legal
Service Office Pacific Detachment, Guam)
(68377) (DSO PAC BrOff eff 1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, Naval Legal Service
Office Pacific Detachment, Pearl Harbor,
HI) (68373)(DSO PAC BrOff eff 1 Oct 2012)
- 3 Commanding Officer, Naval Legal Service
Office North Central, Washington, DC
(68382) (DSO North eff 1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, Naval Legal Service
Office North Central Detachment Great
Lakes, Great Lakes, IL) (68369) (DSO
North BrOff eff 1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, Naval Legal Service
Office North Central Detachment Groton,
Groton, CT) (35493)(DSO North BrOff eff 1
Oct 2012) (Officer in Charge, Naval Legal
Service Office North Central Branch
Office, Newport, RI) (68340) (Disest
1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, Naval Legal Service
Branch Office, Earle, NJ) (41234) (Disest
1 Oct 2012)
(Officer in Charge, Naval Legal Service
Office North Central Branch Office,
Memphis, TN) (68367) (Disest 1 Oct 2012)
- 3 Commanding Officer, Naval Justice School,
Newport RI (62750)
(Officer in Charge, Naval Justice School
Detachment, San Diego, CA) (68943)
(Officer in Charge, Naval Justice School
Detachment, Defense Institute of
International Legal Studies, Newport, RI)
(41282)
(Officer in Charge, Naval Justice School
Detachment, Norfolk, VA) (30251)

b. COMNAVLEGSVCOM supports Commander, Navy Installations
Command by providing legal advice for region commanders and
installation commanding officers. COMNAVLEGSVCOM activities

also provide legal support to Navy fleet and shore commands without a staff judge advocate and to all commands for courts-martial prosecution and defense services.

c. Under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), the Judge Advocate General (JAG) provides or supervises legal advice and related services throughout the Department of the Navy (DON), except for the advice and services provided by the DON General Counsel. JAG oversight responsibilities are executed through the Office of the Judge Advocate General (OJAG). OJAG provides direct support to COMNAVLEGSVCOM. COMNAVLEGSVCOM is designated as the Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Navy and reports to the JAG on all matters affecting the provision of legal service to the Navy.

6. Overseas Diplomacy. COMNAVLEGSVCOM includes overseas activities that serve as an effective instrument of United States foreign policy by initiating and continuing action programs, which promote positive relations between supported overseas installation commands and foreign nationals, and which assist individual naval personnel and their families to work effectively, live with dignity and satisfaction, and function as positive representatives of the Navy and the United States while overseas.

7. Action. In accomplishing the assigned mission, COMNAVLEGSVCOM should ensure performance of the functions and tasks in enclosure (1).

8. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per SECNAV Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.


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FUNCTIONS AND TASKS OF NAVAL LEGAL SERVICE COMMAND

1. During all phases of courts-martial, advise commands and provide defense counsel and support services to military personnel.
2. Establish and maintain an active and continuing dialogue with commands and activities worldwide to ensure all naval commands are provided with complete, timely, and responsive legal services.
3. When requested, advise commands on all matters relating to non-judicial punishments.
4. When requested, provide qualified counsel to serve as recorder or legal advisor during all phases of officer and enlisted administrative separation processing.
5. Serve as ethics counselor for commands and provide standards of conduct advice and training as necessary.
6. When requested, assist and advise commands in conducting JAG Manual investigations.
7. When required, advise commands on all matters relating to foreign criminal jurisdiction.
8. As appropriate, advise commands on all other legal matters to include, but not limited to, command administration advice, admiralty law, administrative law, environmental law, health law, international law, and operational law.
9. Provide support, when necessary, to United States Attorneys' Offices.
10. Liaise and coordinate as necessary with appropriate State and Federal law enforcement agencies to ensure the proper administration of justice and selection of judicial forum for Service members.
11. Provide advice to military personnel who are the subject of disciplinary investigations, formal JAG Manual investigations

and or courts of inquiry. Provide counsel and support services for respondents during all phases of officer and enlisted administrative separation processing.

12. Provide counsel to assist active duty personnel during all phases of the physical disability evaluation process (medical board, informal physical evaluation board, and formal physical evaluation board).

13. Provide legal assistance to military personnel, authorized dependents, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and dependents while assigned outside the continental United States, and eligible reservists as resources permit.

14. Provide support, when necessary, to commands, governmental agencies and Service members on issues relating to U.S. citizenship, immigration, and naturalization.

15. Be prepared to establish, train, coordinate, and run regional tax assistance centers as supported by region commanders.

16. Be prepared to deploy mobile judge advocate teams, or any other method under the attendant circumstances, capable of performing the above indicated functions on site to deploying units and outlying activities on short notice upon request.